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What is claimed is:

1. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said skirt structure including a distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said areas of structural weakness and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said opening.
2. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.
3. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.
4. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein the integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside

surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

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5. The reclosable bag of claim 4 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

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6. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

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7. The parent film material of claim 6 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

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8. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

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9. The reclosable bag of claim 8 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

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11. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of

said web material.

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12. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.
13. The reclosable bag of claim 11 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.
- 10 14. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.
- 15 15. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.
- 20 16. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.
17. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.
- 25 18. The reclosable bag of claim 1 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.
- 30 19. The reclosable bag of claim 18 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

20. The reclosable bag of claim 19 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

5 21. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at  
least one sheet of web material including a first  
10 ~~area of structural weakness~~ and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with

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28. The reclosable bag of claim 21 wherein said first fin structure and said second fin structure

are integral to each other and include a predetermined area of structural weakness located between said coupling portion of said first fin structure and said coupling portion of said second fin structure.

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29. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material, at least one tear tape structure, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear tape structure and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear tape structure and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

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30. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including an integral skirt structure comprising a web material extending therefrom and including

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opposed distal margin structures; said web material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined sealing areas; a barrier web material extending between and coupled to said distal margin structures.

31. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material extends between and is coupled to said sidewall structures.

32. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to at least one of said sidewall structures by at least one peelable seal.

33. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said predetermined sealing areas are located on said respective sidewall structures.

34. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material is coupled to said predetermined sealing areas by at least one peelable seal.

35. The reclosable bag of claim 30 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

36. The reclosable bag of claim 31 wherein said barrier web material includes at least one area of

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structural weakness extending generally parallel to said predetermined sealing areas.

- 5 37. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including at least one predetermined tear area, at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure including at least one integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure including at least one distal margin; said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one location between said tear area and said opening; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said tear area and into said fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.
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- 20 38. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at least one header material located in a predetermined area of said fold structure.
- 25 39. The reclosable bag of claim 38 wherein said header material includes at least one edge structure adjacent said tear area.
- 30 40. The reclosable bag of claim 37 further including at least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to said tear area.



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5 41. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one  
least one sheet of web material having a  
propensity to tear along at last two predetermined  
tear areas; having at least one fold structure  
located between and defined by said two tear  
10 said fold structure; a reclosable fastener  
structure including a skirt structure of skirt web  
material extending therefrom; said skirt structure  
including a distal margin; said distal margin  
being coupled to said web material at, at least  
15 one location between said two tear areas and said  
opening; said reclosable fastener structure  
extending past said two tear areas and into said  
fold structure; said reclosable bag capable of  
being filled with at least one food product  
20 through said opening.

42. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the  
skirt web material is integral to the reclosable  
fastener structure.

25 43. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the  
skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable  
fastener structure.

30 44. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the  
integral skirt includes an outside surface and an  
inside surface; the distal margin being located on

the outside surface; the inside surface including predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

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45. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein the peelable seal, when formed, is hermetic.

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46. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

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47. The parent film material of claim 46 wherein the tear areas are integral to said parent film.

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48. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

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49. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

50. The reclosable bag of claim 48 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

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51. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of said web material.

52. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the

predetermined dimension is width.

53. The reclosable bag of claim 51 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

54. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

55. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise perforations.

56. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise scoring.

57. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said tear areas comprise microperforations.

58. The reclosable bag of claim 41 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

59. The reclosable bag of claim 58 wherein at least one layer of said multiple laminate film material includes said tear areas.

60. The reclosable bag of claim 59 wherein said tear areas are hermetic.

61. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at

least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure located between at least two predetermined areas having a propensity to tear in a predetermined direction and presenting at least two sidewall structures having inside surfaces, and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure; a reclosable fastener structure, located in said fold structure, including a skirt structure comprising a web material extending therefrom and including opposed distal margin structures; said web material of said integral skirt structure being sealed to said inside surfaces at a plurality of predetermined sealing areas.

62. The reclosable bag of claim 61 further comprising a barrier web material extending between and coupled to said distal margin structures.

~~63. A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag comprising: at least one sheet of web material including a first area of structural weakness and a second area of structural weakness; said sheet of web material including at least one fold structure located between and defined by said first and second areas of structural weakness, and a fill opening; said sheet of web material including a first panel coupled to said fold structure adjacent said first area of structural weakness and a second panel coupled to said fold~~

structure adjacent said second area of structural weakness; a reclosable fastener structure including a male track structure and a female track structure; said male track structure including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending therefrom; each said fin structure including a predetermined coupling portion; said coupling portion of said first fin structure being coupled to said first panel and said coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said second panel; said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure; said areas of structural weakness being located below said reclosable fastener structure; said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening, said method comprising:

folding said sheet of web material along a predetermined folding area located between said areas of structural weakness to form said fold structure;

inserting said reclosable fastener into said fold structure;

coupling said distal margin of said integral skirt structure to said web material;

sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas located generally perpendicular to said fold structure;

filling said reclosable bag with at least one

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64. The method of claim 63 wherein the step of sealing said web material along at least two predetermined linear areas occurs last.

66. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing a header material into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

67. The method of claim 63 including the further step of inserting and sealing at least one tear structure into said predetermined fold area at least prior to the step of sealing said web material along at least said two predetermined linear areas.

68. The method of claim 63 including the further step of sealing a predetermined portion of said fold structure and forming a header structure; said further step being subsequent to said step of folding said sheet of web material along a

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filling with at least one food product, said  
reclosable bag including at least one sheet of web  
material having at least one predetermined tear  
area, at least one fold structure, and an opening  
10 located generally opposite said fold structure; a  
reclosable fastener assembly including at least  
one integral skirt structure of skirt web material  
extending therefrom; said integral skirt structure  
including at least one distal margin; said distal  
15 margin being coupled to said web material at, at  
least one location between said tear area and said  
opening; said reclosable fastener structure  
extending past said tear area and into said fold  
structure; said reclosable bag capable of being  
20 filled with at least one food product, said method  
comprising: folding said sheet of web material  
along a predetermined folding area to produce said  
fold structure; inserting said reclosable fastener  
assembly into said fold structure; coupling said  
25 distal margin of said integral skirt structure to  
said web material; sealing said web material along  
at least two predetermined linear areas located  
generally perpendicular to said fold structure;  
filling said reclosable bag with at least one food  
30 product through said opening; and sealing said  
opening.

25 74. The method of claim 69 including the further  
step of sealing a predetermined portion of said  
fold structure and forming a header structure;  
said further step being subsequent to said step of  
folding said sheet of web material along a  
30 predetermined folding area located between said  
areas of structural weakness to form said fold  
structure.